



# The MESSENGER

## ➤ Block Party News -

- "Change for a Change" will be this Sunday, July 8, during both services. Please bring your change for this Block Party fundraiser.



- *Our Block Party* is Saturday, August 4, 9:00-2:00 in the church parking lot. There will be school kits, food, games, entertainment, social service agencies, and health screenings. Contact Julie Robinson to help (838-4335).

## ➤ Disciples Women's Ministries News -

We will be meeting on Thursday, July 12, rather than July 5 due to the 4<sup>th</sup> of July holiday. Please join us at 1:00 PM in the Conference Room. We will be discussing chapter 5 in our "Spiritual Gifts" book.

## ➤ One Worship Service on July 15 at 10:00 AM

**SAVE THE DATE**

**Farewell Reception for Dawn**

Sunday, July 15, 2018  
Church service at 10:00 a.m.  
followed by reception

Please join with our Church Family to wish Dawn a very fond farewell. After the service a light lunch in Fellowship Hall will be waiting where she will mingle and talk with all.

➤ *Abundant Life Meal* - Our next noon meal served to Abundant Life Church will be on Sunday, July 15. Continued contributions are needed along with helpers to serve or make desserts. Please contact Julie Robinson.

## Witness of the Faithful

Attendance - 6/24/18: 146, 34      7/1/18: 143, 38  
Offering - \$22,649.62

## Prayer Concerns

**Aftercare:** Helen Joyce Barclay, Wannie Beard, Betty Beer, Bob Goodall, Rita Hensley, Connie Lindenbaum, Peggy O'Neal, Sid & Mary Smart, Pam Yerkes

**Hospice:** Harold & Helen Goyen, Virginia Warren

**Assisted Living:** Mickey Armstrong (Luther Oaks), Alma Samuels (Taylors' home)

**Treatment:** Mary Moran, Sharon Warren

**Nursing Homes:** Blm. Rehab - Marilyn Thompson

Heritage, Blm.-Merle Murray, Harry Schultz, Virginia Warren

Heritage, El Paso-Sonna West Heritage, Nrm.-Harold Goyen

Liberty, Clinton-Corena Meyer

Martin Health - Myrna Cable, Dave Dungan, Carol Kline,

Marlyn Mahannah, Lois Murray, Barbara Thatcher

McLean County - Darlene Bethel

**Military:** Chris Kavanaugh (Marines, CA);

Harley Scott (Phillis niece/Navy, VA)

**Sympathy to:** ... Kim Erickson family on the June 12 death of her father, David Schulz, and July 1 death of her mother, Shirley Schulz ... Susan Hinrichsen family on the June 20 death of her son, Brent Hinrichsen, of Peoria

**Birth:** Rose Elizabeth Fietsam was born July 1 to Jeff & Megan Fietsam. Grandparents are Marty & Kathy Sallee, and great-grandparents are Neil & Dorothy Sallee.

## Thank You

Posted on the Centrum bulletin board are notes received from: St. Vincent de Paul Food Panty and Rekindle (donations).

➤ *Blood Drive* - The American Red Cross has contacted us to host an emergency blood drive in Major Hall on Friday, July 20, from 9:00 AM -1:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is available at the Information Center. Note: If you gave at the most recent drive at FCC and have not donated since then, you are eligible for the July 20 drive.

➤ *Gifts for Another Table* - Don't forget the Regional Alternative School!! During the month of July, please bring the following donations to church: shampoo, conditioner, body wash, toothpaste, lotion, chap stick, and diapers.

➤ *Brown Bag Bible Bunch* – We are beginning a study of the Apocryphal books starting with I Maccabees. Jim Warren leads the weekly study on Wednesdays 12:00-1:00 PM in the Conference Room. Come join us!

➤ *Board Retreat – Saturday August 18, 9:00 AM – noon, in Fellowship Hall*

➤ *Worship in the Park –*

*September 9 at Fairview Park*

9:00 AM - Short, traditional service at church

10:15 AM - Service at the park

11:00 AM - Potluck lunch

12:00 PM - Softball game



*Summer Sermon Series  
The Parables of Jesus*

*July 8*

Luke 18:1-8

*"Did You Hear the One About ... the Obnoxious Widow?"*

The widow in this parable harasses the judge until the judge finally caves in and gives her what she wants. Jesus says this is to be our approach in prayer.

*July 15*

Luke 19:11-27

*"Did You Hear the One About ... the Investment Brokers?"*

The Parable of the Ten Pounds tells about a nobleman who entrusted his money to his servants and expected them to make a profit on the money. God expects us to use wisely what God has given us.

*July 22*

Matthew 13:3-9

*"Did You Hear the One About ... the Lousy Farmer?"*

The farmer seems to sow his seeds carelessly. His seeds land everywhere, but only some fall where they are able to grow. What does this tell us about how God spreads God's love?

*Invitation to INtegrity Counseling*

*Ribbon Cutting on August 3*

INtegrity Counseling is moving **two doors down to double our space and double our impact!**

In four years, INtegrity Counseling grew from a single counselor to more than a dozen volunteer professionals who donate their time to see clients. Many others volunteer their time to make the office work. Over the past few months, we've had the "problem" of needing to be careful when scheduling appointments to avoid double booking a room. Recently, the suite two doors down became available. After a period of contemplation and prayer our board decided to take a leap of faith and sign a lease for this bigger space.

We know the need for access to counseling for the uninsured and underinsured remains great. Our phone rings every day with more people who need our help. Fortunately, as we widen our circle of those who know about us, more professionals are stepping up to help. We are on our way to have fifteen counselors by the end of August. Thankfully, we will move into our new space in mid-July.

To be able to transition to the new space and support our growth, we have set a goal to raise an additional \$20,000 by the end of the year. Gifts small and large make a difference. You can visit our website at [www.integrityhelps.org](http://www.integrityhelps.org) or mail us at INtegrity Counseling at 502 S. Morris, Bloomington, 61701, to donate.

The members of First Christian Church have supported us from the beginning, and we appreciate all who have encouraged us, prayed for us, volunteered, and donated time, supplies, and money. We couldn't do what we do without you.







The McLean County Chamber of Commerce will hold a ribbon cutting for us on Friday, August 3, at 11:00 AM. We will serve cookies and beverages after the short ceremony. You are invited to come to the ribbon cutting and see our offices and learn more about our work. We hope you can come to celebrate with us.

As we work toward expanding what we do, we are centered by these words from Mother Teresa, "Never worry about numbers. Help one person at a time and always start with the person nearest you."

Blessings,  
Don and Luella Mahannah



# JULY 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> Gifts for Another Table 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship	<b>2</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW	<b>3</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA	<b>4</b>  OFFICE CLOSED	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> 7:00 PM Square Dance	<b>7</b>
<b>8</b>  8th-11th Camp Walter Scott Grandparents & Me Change for a Change 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship	<b>9</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW 12:00 PM Seeding	<b>10</b>  <b>BOARD MEETING</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Seeding 5:00 PM NA 5:30 PM Board Meeting	<b>11</b> 11th-14th Camp Walter Scott Beginners 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 12:00 PM Seeding 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>12</b> 12:00 PM Seeding 1:00 PM Disciples Women's Ministry 4:30 PM Trustees	<b>13</b> 12:00 PM Seeding	<b>14</b> 9:00 AM NA
<b>15</b>  15th-21st Camp Walter Scott Chi-Rho Abundant Life Meal 10:00 AM Combined Service 11:00 AM Farewell Reception for Dawn	<b>16</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW 12:00 PM Seeding	<b>17</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 12:00 PM Seeding 5:00 PM NA	<b>18</b> 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 12:00 PM Seeding 12:30 PM Bridge 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>19</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM Seeding 5:00 PM TOPPS	<b>20</b>  <b>Blood Drive</b> 9:00 AM Blood Drive 12:00 PM Seeding 7:00 PM Square Dance	<b>21</b> 10:30 AM Bridge
<b>22</b>  22nd-28th Camp Walter Scott Chi-Rho/JYF Youth Mission Trip July 22-28 9:00 AM Worship Service 10:15 AM Adult Sunday School 10:15 AM One and All Worship 2:00 PM Christian Motorcycle Association	<b>23</b> 10:30 AM Bridge 12:00 PM CCIW	<b>24</b> 9:30 AM Staff Meeting 5:00 PM NA	<b>25</b> 12:00 PM Bible Bunch 7:00 PM One and All Rehearsal	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
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## Serving Sunday, July 8

**Acolytes:** Evan Nichols, Alexis Nichols  
**Child Care:** Trish Logan, Kathie Chapman  
**Deacons:** 9:00 Kathy Dailey, Ryan Newton  
 10:15 Kathy Dailey, Libby Nussbaum  
**Jr. Deacons:** Sadie Newton, Seth Newton, Reed Naughton  
**Drivers:** Gary Thompson, Ryan Newton  
**Elders:** Susan Cleaver, John Dailey  
**Homebound Elders:** Gregg Kieseewetter, Leslie Frizzell  
**Fellowship Host:** Susan Cleaver  
**Fill Candles:** Becky White  
**Greeters:** Ron & Nancy Gramley, Jim & Carolyn Hepperly  
**Information Center:** Jan Dyer  
**Scripture:** Nate Damery      **Time for Children:** Tamara Shields  
**Sound Tech:** Brian Metz      **Video Tech:** Nate Damery  
**Pulpit:** Jim Warren (see page 2)

## Serving Sunday, July 15

**Acolyte:** Jeremiah Hall  
**Child Care:** Trish Logan, Rich & Karen Crusius  
**Deacons:** 9:00 Martin & Sue Ross  
 10:15 --  
**Jr. Deacons:** Tyler Chapman, Rebekah Warren, Lydia Warren  
**Drivers:** Gary Thompson, Rich Crusius  
**Elders:** Joe & Sue Bandy  
**Homebound Elders:** Susan Cleaver, John Dailey  
**Fellowship Host:** Beverly Leight  
**Fill Candles:** Becky White  
**Greeters:** Shirley Wotherspoon, Rick Erickson, May Jackson  
**Information Center:** Pat Bozarth  
**Scripture:** James Nussbaum      **Time for Children:** Heather Damery  
**Sound Techs:** Brian Metz, Austin Metz      **Video Tech:** Todd Chapman  
**Pulpit:** Jim Warren (see page 2)

**Sunday Traditional Worship** ..... 9:00 AM  
**One and All Worship** ..... 10:15 AM  
**Sunday School for Adults** ..... 10:15 AM

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